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THE NEWS SUMMARY.

Forecast Virginia and North Carolina: Showers, warmer.

Howitzers' drill team prepare for an entertainment.—Richmond Female Institute commencement takes place.—Many changes in the pupils to-day.—Where the preachers will hold their summer vacation.—Coroner's jury exonerates the engineer of the train that killed Frank McDonough.—Dr. Hunter McGuire's busy yesterday.—A game of baseball in Richmond yesterday.—Board of Aldermen meets Monday evening.

VIRGINIA.

R. B. Battle, of Prince George county, is to contest the election of Mr. W. E. Brissau as sheriff.—The hat of the young Swede, whose body was found floating recently in College creek, near Williamsburg, has been found with a bullet hole in it. This strengthens the murder theory.—Mr. James F. Calhoun, cousin of John D. Calhoun, is dead in Charlotte county.—An effort is on foot to form a trust of the plug tobacco factories in Virginia and North Carolina.—Dry weather and sunshine is badly needed for the growing crops.—Receipts of leaf tobacco over the State were slight during the past week.—That young stranger who was snatched in Lynchburg was given a decent burial yesterday.—Rev. Father Lighthouse will preach to colored people in Lynchburg to-day.—Willie Equi, the runaway from Lynchburg, returned yesterday.—The circuit court of Bedford county has been engaged during the past week in hearing the case of Wickhizer against the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company.—The old city council of Lynchburg held its last meeting yesterday.

NEW YORK.

The Greenland exploring expedition started on their long journey yesterday.—Nathaniel Smith, the oldest resident on Long Island, is dead.—A child has been born in New York without any eyes.—Substitute teachers in the New York schools get only \$1.25 per day.—Geo. D. Wise has pronounced himself in favor of Cleveland for the next President.—The Richmond and Danville has approved of the proposition of the Georgia Pacific to lease the entire system of the Central railroad.—There is no change in pig iron.—The Richmond and Danville is negotiating for the lease of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia road.—

GENERAL.

Sir John Macdonald, Premier of Canada, died last night.—General Longstreet is reported extremely ill.—A. C. Melke, of Lumberton, N. C., has donated a large sum of money to the Baptist denominations of North Carolina.—The Warren county, N. C., election cases were dismissed at Raleigh yesterday.—Raleigh's new electric street railway will be commenced in a few days.

FOREIGN.

It is said that the profits of the Prince of Wales in baccarat gaming amounted to thousands.—The persecution of Hebrews in Russia continues unabated.—The misery of the poorer classes in Germany is very great.—The friends of the Government in England are much agitated as to the probable result of the baccarat scandal in the next general election.

THE COMMENCEMENT SEASON.

The annual commencement season is now fully opened, and the columns of the press are daily filled with accounts of the exercises at our various schools and colleges, the names of the graduates and honor-pupils, and the numerous interesting incidents connected with the proceedings. It is truly a season of hopes and fears; for who does not recall his or her youthful anxiety when, as a student, the time for annual examinations approached? How many were the wonderings whether we would "pass," and, if we did, whether it would be with credit, or whether we would just manage to "scrape through"? And who has forgotten with what eagerness were anticipated the days when books should be temporarily laid aside, so that the long-wished-for vacation might be enjoyed?

It seems at first glance rather paradoxical that these closing days and scenes of colleges and schools should be characterized as "commencement" since they are apparently rather the end of the tasks which have for so many months and years been required of us. The term, however, is eminently appropriate, for the end of school is the beginning of real life. No matter how assiduous and industrious we may have been with our books; no matter how hard we may have studied; no matter what success may have been achieved or honors gained, the very best education which can be obtained at the very best institutions of learning, with the assistance of the most conscientious and capable instructors, and with the most laborious application is, after all, but the foundation of the structure of life. The world is all before the college graduate; his lessons are to be learned, his battles fought, and his victories won. The training of the mind and the theoretical information obtained at college are only means to this end, and are but helps to facilitate the accomplishment of the higher ends and purposes of existence.

It is with due appreciation of these important truths that the school and college graduate should receive his diploma. Those who look forward to the time when lessons and lectures will be over as a period of permanent ease and rest will speedily find themselves sadly deceived, and falling to the rear as laggards in the busy march of humanity. Only those who leave text-books behind with the object of entering upon the work of studying harder than ever so to store their minds with useful information, or those who determine to utilize the training they received at school to enable them to achieve success in any state of life to which they may be called, will realize the hopes and ambitions of their college days. They must still ply the oars with unceasing industry and vigor if they wish to keep from drifting down the stream of time.

These reflections are specially worthy of being indulged in at this commencement season. Disregard of them will make but passive, negative men, who will go through life unnoticed and unknown, while those who heed and are governed by them will attain to enviable positions among their fellows and lead honored and useful lives.

THE SHAME OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The State of Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia are now reaping that harvest of dishonor which always follows sooner or later from the unscrupulous use of money in promoting political objects. When the last presidential campaign was in progress a leading citizen of Philadelphia, who had always posed in the public eye as a man of remarkable sanctity, shocked the conscience of all thoughtful and conservative Americans by subscribing \$100,000 to the general fund, which, it was notorious, the Republican National Executive Committee was using for the corruption of voters. The criminal example—for it practically amounted to neither more nor less—which he set has been imitated on a smaller pecuniary scale by all others who were eager to influence the local or national elections which have taken place in Pennsylvania since the memorable act which obtained for Mr. Wanamaker the Postmaster-Generalship of the United States.

The inevitable result of this reckless and immoral use of money is now coming to the surface. When the number and the heinousness of the defalcations of which so many citizens of Pennsylvania have been recently guilty are considered a feeling of shame is excited in the breast of every true American that there should be communities in the United States in which the tone of public morality and private honor should have sunk so low as to permit the perpetration of crimes so disgraceful to the general reputation of the whole Union.

At the present hour Pennsylvania offers a most discreditable spectacle to the world at large. Her senior Senator, as is well known, secured his election by a contribution of \$100,000 to the Republican party in the last State campaign. Her junior Senator, whose name has become the synonym of all that is degraded in national politics, was only saved from indictment when he occupied the position of State Treasurer by the pecuniary assistance of friends who came forward and made good the amount of his defalcation. Her representative in the Cabinet was advanced to his seat in return for his lavish use of his fortune in promoting by corrupt methods the success of Mr. Harrison, and he is now charged on substantial grounds with seeking to shield from punishment several of the Philadelphia bankers who have wrecked the institutions over which they presided.

The Treasurer of the great city of Philadelphia is now languishing in prison, but with sufficient energy left to accuse the leading bankers of that city of having bribed him to deposit in their vaults the funds which he had collected, by paying him on his own private account 2 per cent. on the amounts which he placed with them. By the defalcations of this man the State of Pennsylvania has been robbed of a million of dollars, and the loss of the city of Philadelphia through the same agency falls little short of an equal sum.

There now pines in jail with Barclay one of the foremost bank presidents of Philadelphia, and another is a fugitive from justice, while two bank cashiers are under heavy bonds on criminal charges. And as the crown of all this infamy, the late candidate of the Republican party for the Governorship of the State will soon be placed in the dock to stand his trial as a common embezzler.

Truly the people of Pennsylvania are reaping a harvest of the deepest shame and dishonor.

SMALL-BOY PHILOSOPHY.

The very important question, What is the use of flies? has probably been settled in most minds. The general crowd of them are accepted as scavengers, purifiers of the air and small traits of patience, mild illustrations of the discipline of life. A few specials seem to come, as winged from the lower regions, to get into our ears or nostrils, or stick to our foreheads or our hands, and engage us in mortal strife to stop all business until they are killed. These are fiends and arouse our animosity and prove to us that we need not hope to be saints here. But, on the whole, we must allow flies have their place and use.

A small boy can make himself almost as inconvenient as a sentinel special-mission fly. He can fly right into the very wrongest place,

say the most inapt things and ask the most untimely questions, and persist in getting up a dust hard to settle. Then, like his friend, the fly, he can get so very much excited and buzz and be so uncomfortable. And when he wants to make himself agreeable he can tell so many of the very things he ought not to talk about. We are talking now about the average small boy, well meaning but unwise. The little mean rowdy that loves to do disagreeable and ugly things, and don't know what a little dog he is, and how the general world thinks his father is no better than he; him we'd rather not count. But small boys as a class, when they are fairly amiable though enterprising, are, we believe, nothing like the trials that flies are. In deed, we rather like them; enjoyable in their own way as well as recruits for mankind. And they of the green and fresh and mistake-making kind are just the fellows that we hope and expect to make the most elegant luxuriant and growths.

Small boys have a great deal to do for society. They are like the green grass. They freshen us. They enliven us. They keep us young, and compel us to be children. They are men in their freshness. They are the new material. They keep before us natural and true living, which rough life and heartless society make us almost forget or wholly disbelieve in.

And still further, there's no fooling a small boy. He is a true mirror. He receives you and presents you exactly as you are, and does not know the language or the colors of your sham men and women. You have got to deal with him truly, and be as honest as he is, or he will make a fool of you.

Our small boys, generally our little newsboys and city Arabs in particular, with their wits sharpened and their powers developed in the fight for bare life are powerful natural forces; they are uncommissioned police officers, free-shooters against humbug in high and low places, against pomp and parade and show and variety everywhere; against put-on and stuck-up and fraud in all their manifestations. They are stingers that never miss their mark. They are moral clarifiers, purifiers and disinfectants of the most effectual kind. They are fulfillers of prophecy. There is nothing hid that shall not be made manifest, nor secret that shall not be made known. They are powerful compellers of honest germs of manhood.

COALING STATION IN HAYTI.

The United States Government has fully determined to secure a coaling station on the Island of Hayti. Nothing shows more clearly the anxiety of the national authorities to acquire a foothold on that island at an early day, with this object in view, than the growing disposition of the State Department to recall Minister Douglas, a step which would be carefully avoided under ordinary circumstances because calculated to give offense to the colored voters of the North.

The wisest course that the Government can pursue would be to direct the present minister to return to this country and substitute in his place a white man to represent American interests at Port-au-Prince. This would remove the feeling of antagonism towards this country which prevails in Hayti on account of the custom which we have long followed of sending a negro to that republic as the American minister.

It will require much diplomatic skill to get possession of the mole St. Nicholas, and there should be no prejudice to obstruct the course of the negotiations in the very beginning, as has been the case in the instance of Minister Douglas. An opportunity will have to be seized when the established government is in extreme need of pecuniary assistance to enable it to resist the spirit of revolution. There should be a prudent and alert white minister on hand to take immediate advantage of any occasion that might offer for making a successful stroke. All that our Government really wants is a tenable claim to the mole St. Nicholas. Having once acquired this claim we will hold the nation by the strong arm of military power.

When the overwhelming character of the evidence in the baccarat case is considered, it seems remarkable that the plaintiff should have exposed himself to so much infamy in the very face of the whole civilized world. The only plausible reason that can be offered in explanation of his conduct is that he was actuated by a spirit of revenge. Ruined irretrievably himself, he determined, as far as he could, to cast a permanent cloud of discredit on the names of those who had accused him by dragging them into court and compelling them to relate the part which they had taken in the scene of dishonor which has blasted his own reputation eternally. It was the spirit which led the blind Samson to pull the temple about the ears of the Philistines, only in this instance the destroyer had been shorn of his character and not of his strength and power by those whom he was seeking to injure.

SECRETARY-OF-THE-TREASURY FOSTER in a speech at the Union League Club of Brooklyn Thursday evening attempted to defend the reckless extravagance of the billion-dollar Congress by saying that "our Democratic friends forget that this is a billion-dollar country." In other words, the Secretary goes on the theory that because this country is large and prosperous the people should be taxed to the limit of endurance for the benefit of monopolists and political favorites. That may be good Republican doctrine, but what will the tax-paying voters think about it?

THE dispatches inform us that President Harrison has been asked to investigate the Keystone Bank affair and Postmaster-General Wanamaker's alleged connection therewith. The end of any such investigation may be easily predicted before its beginning. Of course President Harrison would make it his special business to see that the man who gave \$400,000 to a corruption fund to secure his election was under any circumstances duly and properly whitewashed.

THEY say that Secretary Noble is to retire from the Cabinet on account of ill health. Is that really the case or has he been frozen out by one of Raun's patent refrigerators?

Institute Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the Richmond Female Institute, Miss Hamner, principal, will be held to-morrow evening at a quarter past 8 at the Academy of Music and not at the Theatre as announced in the cards of invitation. Rev. M. B. Wharton, D. D., is to be the orator of the evening.

Death of Harry Beveridge.

Harry Heerd, the little son of William H. Beveridge, is dead. His funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from his father's residence, No. 1300 west Main street. In a short time seven little boys and two little girls have passed from this household.

Board of Public Works.

Governor McKinnon is expected to return from Farmville to-morrow. Soon after his arrival he will probably call the Board of Public Works to consider matters of interest.

GEORGE ELLIOT, HER PHILOSOPHY AND HER ART. An essay in pamphlet form originally read before the members of Richmond Literary Club by Philip A. Bruce. For sale by West, Johnston & Co.

PETERSBURG.

Grand Ball in Dinwiddie.—Break of Lighting.—Foot Cut Off by a Train.

PETERSBURG, Va., June 6.—[Special.]—A grand ball was given at Church Road Crossing, in Dinwiddie county, on the Norfolk and Western railroad, last night, which was very largely attended. The following are the couples who were in attendance:

Miss Jessie Bolling, of Petersburg, with Mr. A. E. Richardson, of Church Road; Miss Mary Harris, of Danville, with Mr. Ernest Doyle, of Petersburg; Miss Willie Farham, of Dinwiddie, with Mr. W. M. Sterne, of Dinwiddie; Miss Sallie Boisseau, of Dinwiddie, with Mr. Willie Picher, of Petersburg; Miss Fannie Robinson, of Amelia, with Mr. John S. Bolling, of Amelia; Miss Lizzie Bolling, of Petersburg, with Mr. L. Robertson, of Church Road; Miss Eva Coleman, of Dinwiddie, with Mr. T. M. Boisseau, of Church Road; Miss Linda Boisseau, of Dinwiddie, with Mr. Burk Clark, of Dinwiddie; Miss Bettie Edwards, of Lynchburg, with Mr. Courtney Dole, of Petersburg.

Chaperons Mrs. S. H. Hobbs and Mrs. T. B. Hord.

The music was from Petersburg and a fine supper was served about midnight.

R. B. Batte, of Prince George county, is to contest the election of Mr. W. E. Boisseau as sheriff of the county, and the papers in the case were served on Mr. Boisseau last night.

Mr. Batte claims that he got six votes at Templeton precinct and seven votes at Rives' precinct which were not counted; and this is the ground upon which the contest is made. Mr. Boisseau was elected sheriff by a majority of only four votes.

During the storm Thursday afternoon a large tree near the dwelling-house of Mr. William Coles, in Chesterfield county, a short distance from Petersburg, was struck by lightning, and all the members of Mr. Coles' family were more or less shocked by the electric current. Mr. Coles was knocked senseless, and it was some minutes before he regained consciousness.

The protracted wet spell has thrown the farmers considerably backward with their work, and it is said that much damage has been done to the peanuts, and that some of the farmers will have to replant.

A colored man named Ben Walker, of Dinwiddie county, fell asleep to-day on the side of the track of the Petersburg and Weldon railroad, about three miles south of Reams' station, and was struck by a passing freight train, and his foot was cut off. He was brought to Petersburg for treatment.

Mr. N. D. Hargrove, of Richmond, and Miss Emma Brown, of this city, will be married at the Washington-street Methodist church on Wednesday morning next at 9 o'clock. Rev. A. C. Bledsoe, the pastor, will officiate.

Rev. J. M. Picher, of this city, general secretary of the Virginia Baptist Sunday-School and Bible Board, will organize a Baptist church to-morrow near Ford's depot, in Dinwiddie county, on the Norfolk and Western railroad.

Mr. James Halligan, who resides at Reams station, in Dinwiddie county, and his wife, were on yesterday morning to have his barn destroyed by fire, together with about seven hundred bushels of corn.

Miss Tillie Leibermuth, of Richmond, is the guest of Miss Mary Rosenstock.

The Rosemary Library.

Several more large and elegant donations of books were made yesterday to the Rosemary Public Library, the principal one being a gift of two hundred volumes by Miss Ada B. Carrington.

Miss Carrington's donation is one of the handsomest yet received by the library. Among them may be found the classics of all tongues, books of references, the poets and many of the standard English and American novels.

Day by day many volumes of rare merit are being sent to the library, and the librarians have all they can do to classify and arrange them. It is not probable that the circulating feature will go into effect before next fall.

A Colored Publishing-House.

The colored people of this city have organized the Richmond Publishing Association to conduct a general printing and publishing business. A charter will be applied for at once. The capital stock is fixed at \$50,000 maximum and \$10,000 minimum, divided into shares at \$10 each.

The officers for the first year are: John Clinton, Jr., president; W. Leonidas White, vice-president; Walter J. Fields, secretary; and Walter V. Norrell, treasurer. The above, including Rev. Richard Wells, Professor R. H. Blackwell and Dr. L. H. Harris, compose the board of directors.

At the Capitol.

Messrs. P. T. Woodward, clerk of Middlesex; J. W. B. Fridley, deputy treasurer of Hanover; and O. Alexander, sheriff of the same county, were visitors at the Capitol yesterday.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6.—For Virginia: Light showers, warmer; easterly winds.

For North Carolina: Showers; stationary temperature, southeasterly winds.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, JUNE 7, 1891.
Sun rises.....4:50 Moon sets.....8:25 P. M.
Sun sets.....7:27 Day's length.....14h. 37m.
Sun rises.....4:50 Moon sets.....8:25 P. M.

FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 13, 1891, PREDICTED "TIDE STANDARD" OF HIGH TIDE AT

Date	Month	York River	Norfolk	Newport News	City Point	Richmond	Petersburg
7th A. M.	June	10.16	9.81	9.46	9.41	9.02	8.03
8th A. M.	June	9.27	8.94	8.57	8.56	8.17	7.18
9th A. M.	June	8.40	8.06	7.69	7.68	7.29	6.30
10th A. M.	June	7.54	7.20	6.83	6.82	6.43	5.44
11th A. M.	June	7.07	6.73	6.36	6.35	5.96	4.97
12th A. M.	June	6.20	5.86	5.49	5.48	5.09	4.10
13th A. M.	June	5.34	5.00	4.63	4.62	4.23	3.24
14th A. M.	June	4.47	4.13	3.76	3.75	3.36	2.37
15th A. M.	June	3.60	3.26	2.89	2.88	2.49	1.50
16th A. M.	June	2.74	2.40	2.03	2.02	1.63	6.34
17th A. M.	June	1.87	1.53	1.16	1.15	7.48	9.49
18th A. M.	June	1.00	6.26	5.89	5.88	5.49	9.50

PORT OF WEST POINT, JUNE 6, 1891.
ARRIVED.
Steamship Berkshire, Providence, merchandise; steamship City of Atlanta, New York, merchandise; steamship Charlotte, Baltimore, merchandise and passengers.

PORT OF NEWPORT NEWS, JUNE 6, 1891.
ARRIVED.
Steamship Iria, Charleston, to coal, and sailed for Bremen; steamship Finance, New York; schooner G. Johnson, for coal.

Schooner C. C. French, coal, for Boston; schooner Nekinik, coal, for Providence; schooner A. H. Howe, coal, for New York; schooner F. G. Truse, coal, for Wilmington; schooner G. G. Johnson, coal, for New York.

PORT OF RICHMOND, JUNE 6, 1891.
ARRIVED.
Schooner Speedwell, Aver, Rockland, lime R. Wood; schooner Millville, Branine, Kennebec, ice; Richmond, ice company; schooner William Cobb, Olsen, Kennebec, ice; Richmond Ice Company.

Schooner George W. Jewett, McKown, Permatia, hundreds, to load railroad ties for New York vessel, Curtis & Parker.

LANBETTS POINT, JUNE 6, 1891.
ARRIVED.
Schooners E. E. Birdsell, M. A. Randall.

LOADED.
Barge General McClellan, Hoboken; schooners G. M. Grant, Providence; John Haul, East Boston; John Holland, Boston.

COALING.
Spanish steamship Gallego, New Orleans, Liverpool; British steamship Edenmore, New Orleans, Liverpool.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

The Engineer Not to Blame for Frank McDonough's Death.

Coroner Taylor held an inquest yesterday morning on the body of Frank McDonough, who was killed on Friday afternoon in the yards of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway at Clay street.

Mr. I. C. Griffin, the engineer; Watchman Thomas, Policeman Rex and a number of boys who saw the accident were examined, and from their testimony it appeared that McDonough attempted to jump on the cars and fell between them and was instantly killed.

The jury rendered a verdict accordingly, and exonerated the engineer and other employees of the railroad company.

The funeral will take place this afternoon from the residence of the boy's father, 1716 Venable street.

Mr. Thomas G. McDonough, the father of the deceased, arrived in this city last evening from Washington, where his ship is lying.

SHOES, TRUNKS, &c.

I will put on sale Monday morning at 8 o'clock a lot of Children's and Misses' Canvas Boots of a first-rate make.

The 5 to 8 will be 75c.

The 8 to 10½ will be \$1.

The 11 to 2 will be \$1.25.

No exchange.

For Mountain Or Seashore.

Whether you go to the country or abroad you will need a trunk or a bag. I have a big stock of Trunks from \$1 to \$35.

Grips, Gladstones, Satchels, Railroad Bags, Club Sacks in all the shapes and new colors.

J. A. GRIGG
Pace Block.

EXCURSIONS, PICNICS, &c.
HO! FOR WEST POINT.

THERE WILL BE AN EXCURSION TO THIS FAVORITE RESORT ON SATURDAY, THE 13th OF JUNE.

Round-Trip Only \$1.

The train will leave the Depot at the foot of Virginia street at 7:30 A. M., and return in the evening, reaching Richmond about 8 o'clock.

During the day there will be a Grand Auction Sale of Lots in this growing town, and all purchasers at this sale will have their fares refunded.

For further particulars call on or write to CHEWNING & ROSE, 6, north Tenth street, Richmond, Va.

GRAND EXCURSION.
ONLY ONE DOLLAR ROUND TRIP TO NORFOLK, OLD POINT AND NEWPORT NEWS.